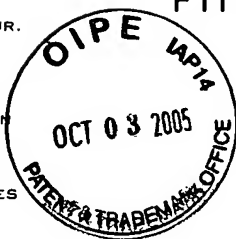


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Appl. No.: 10/622,779  
Filed: July 21, 2003  
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Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2005, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement on the claims in the above-captioned application, Applicants hereby elect the claims of restriction Group II. This includes claims 25-31, directed to a process for producing  $\omega$ -alkyl halide nitrile or  $\omega$ -halogen carboxylic acids. Applicants respectfully request that the claims in the non-elected restriction group, *i.e.*, claims 1-24, be canceled without prejudice.

This election is made without traverse.

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If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (202) 419-7013.

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